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SUBJ: REVIEW OF OVERSEAS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 034603

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS THE OFFICE OF
THE MINERALS & PETROLEUM ATTACHE AS REQUESTED IN
ABOVE REFTEL.

A. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED: ONE AMERICAN
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER AND ONE FOREGIN SERVICE LOCAL
(FSL) OFFICER.

B. NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS: 6

C. ANNUAL DOLLAR COST OF OPERATING OFFICE:
AMERICAN SALARY - \$33,347; LOCAL SALARY - \$4,462;
TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM STATION - \$13,200;
R&R - \$3,600; TRAVEL WITHIN REGION - \$667 (FY '75 COSTS);
COST OF HOUSING: RENT - \$4,000, UTILITIES - \$1,200,
BUILDING OPERATING EXPENSES - \$1,888; EDUCATION -
\$9,775; COST OF OFFICE SPACE (\$2.00 FOR 228 SQ FT)
- \$456; SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ESTIMATED AT
\$11,000.

D. DEPENDENT ON MISSION FOR SUPPORT.

E. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WHO TRAVEL IN REGIONAL
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AREA: ONE AMERICAN - A TOTAL OF 2 TRIPS SEMI-

ANNUALLY REPRESENTING 3 PERCENT OF TIME WITH ANNUAL COST OF \$667 (FY '75). NO REGIONAL TRAVEL BY FSL.

F. NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN ITEM E: NONE

G. ANNUAL COST OF SPACE IN ITEM E: NONE

H. EXCEPT FOR BASIC SALARY AND EDUCATION, ALL OTHER EXPENSES ARE PAID IN INDIAN RUPEES.

THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM ATTACHE FUNCTIONS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL REPORTING ON PETROLEUM AND OTHER MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS REFINING AND PROCESSING OF OF MINERALS IN RESPONSE TO STATE, COMMERCE AND INTERIOR (US BUREAU OF MINES & USGS) REQUIREMENTS. THE OFFICER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US FIRMS IN THE PETROLEUM AND MINING SECTORS AND FOR SUPPORTING TRADE MISSIONS, CATALOG SHOWS AND SEMINARS RELATING TO MINERAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT. WHILE THE POSITION ENTAILS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES THE ACTIVE AS WELL AS POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION BY US FIRMS IN DEVELOPING INDIA'S VAST AND LARGELY UNDEVELOPED MINERAL RESOURCES DEMANDS THE MAJOR SHARE OF THE OFFICER'S TIME. WITH INCREASING US INVOLVEMENT IN INDIA'S EXPANDING OFFSHORE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS THE POSITION TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE. INDIA IS ALSO SEEKING TO INCREASE MINERAL EXPORTS AND ASSERTING ON INCREASINGLY ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL ROLE IN MINERAL RELATED CONSUMER/PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS. THEREFORE, THERE IS LITTLE RATIONALE FOR RELOCATING THIS POSITION ELSEWHERE AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS TIED TO THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTERPRISES IN THE REGION LOOK TO THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM ATTACHE FOR GUIDANCE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH US FIRMS AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINING SECTOR.

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